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I, Robert G. Maier, hereby declare that I am a citizen of Canada and a resident of Hudson, Ohio; that I have reviewed and understand the content of the attached specification, including the claims (Pearne, Gordon, McCoy & Granger Docket No. 30866), and I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed therein and for which a patent is sought on the invention or discovery entitled

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and that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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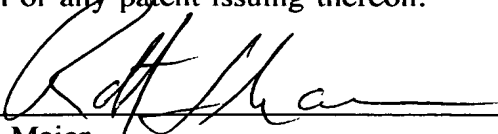
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Ro-Mai Industries, Inc.

**Title:** "HOUSING ASSEMBLY WITH BEVELED RETAINERS FOR  
INSTALLATION IN A WINDOW FRAME"

**Docket No.** 30866

**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

I hereby declare that I am an officer of the concern identified below and am empowered to act on its behalf.

The concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 for purposes of paying reduced fees, in that the number of employees thereof, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons.

The exclusive rights to the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application have been conveyed to and remain with the concern, or if the rights are not exclusive, all other rights belong to small entities as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9.

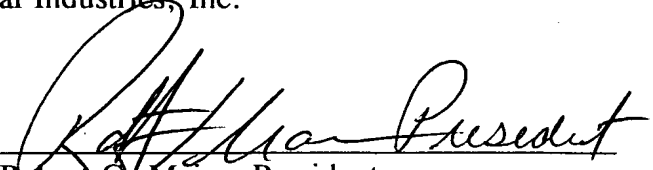
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